

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL NEGROSANONS



LAND, BLOOD and LIFE of the peasants and farm workers chained to the exploitative violent system for more than a hundred years continue to be ravaged. Their roaring cry for justice, freedom and liberation reverberates across the island and the entire Philippines.

Since the massacre of nine peasant-farm workers in Sagay City last October 20, 2018 by forces under the control of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP), the massive, most ruthless, unjust and oppressive war is wreaking havoc on the livelihood of the people of Negros; many of the Negrosanons are

devastated. The incessant flow of blood from the victims' bodies suggests the gloom ahead.

The reactionary state run by the ruling class of big compradors and land lords and currently represented by fascist dictator Rodrigo Duterte is hellbent in crushing the only opposing force that is in the way of nationwide martial rule. In Negros,

the crackdown on the open democratic movement has reached a new level after state forces using "anti-insurgency" as pretext raided offices of progressive organizations and a residence of known activists. It has long been proven that repression and fascism while sowing fear and terror brings out the daring to fight in the Filipino people.

We do not have any other alternative but to raise the flag of a just people's war! This is the sole banner of our emancipation from one hundred years of oppression! This is the greatest undertaking of the Negrosanons to courageously advance forward their struggle for justice and liberation.

Social scientists dubbed Negros Island as a seething social volcano because of extreme inequality in life. With the AFP and PNP's Joint Campaign Plan Kapanatagan, Duterte's Executive Order 70 and Memorandum Order 32 and the AFP/PNP's braggadocio, the imminent explosion of the social volcano will be expressed in the mighty people's war as a concrete form of the widespread revolutionary resistance against utmost oppression and exploitation they endure.

The ruling class of hacienderos and big compradors/traders and their AFP/PNP running dogs in the island display their most despotic chicanery. They cry for peace but wage the cruelest and most brutal war; murdering so many peasants and farm workers, lawyers and local government officials suspected of sympathizing with the just cause of the revolutionary movement.

Emulating their lord and master Rodrigo Duterte, BGen. Eric Vinoya of Joint Task Force - Negros and the 3rd Infantry Division of the Philippine Army; BGen. Benedict Arevalo and Col. Noel Baluyan, of the 303rd and 302nd Brigade; and PBGen. Rene Pamuspusan and PBGen. Valeriano De

Leon, Regional Police Directors of Western and Central Visayas are the reigning despotic running dogs and hypocrites in Negros!

They insist on localized peace talks, brag of huge funds for the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) and demand the surrender of revolutionary forces, yet, are empty-handed regarding substantial solutions to the root causes of armed conflict! Localized peace talks negates the national character of the socio-economic and political problems confronting the Filipino people.

Their version of peace is non-negotiable surrender of revolutionary forces. They reject the draft Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms (CASER) initially discussed by the previous Government of the Republic of the Philippines - National Democratic Front of the Philippines (GRP-NDFP) Peace Negotiating Panels. Former Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez, current Presidential peace adviser heads the GRP war panel. They are arrogant and unreasonable in peace negotiations while murdering landless peasants and farm workers; then attribute the killings to the NPA and even to militant progressive organizations! History will not forget the murderers and butchers! Landlessness and hunger in Negros Island is worsening combined with the ruthlessness of the rabid reactionary exploiters and oppressors and their running dogs, the AFP/PNP and the Citizen Armed Force Geographical Unit (CAFGU).

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Nagapasalamat ang istap sang **Ang Paghimakas** sa mga kontribusyon agud mangin madinalag-on ang ini nga isyu. Sa pagpauswag sang aton **Ang Paghimakas**, ginapangabay sa tanan nga bumalasa sini nga padayon nga mag-amot sang mga balita, piktyur, istorya kag iban pa nga sinulat. Nagapangayo man kami sang inyo mga suhestyon kag komentaryo paano pa gid ini pauswagon.



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The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) in Negros, New People's Army (NPA) and the NDFP are expressly open for peace talks that will address the root causes of armed conflict. The painstaking efforts of the previous GRP-NDFP Peace Panels produced the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL) and made headways in the deliberation of their respective CASER drafts. Returning to the negotiating table based on the already agreed upon principles is an urgent agenda.

We urge all peace-loving Negrosanons and all Filipinos who aspire for genuine peace to organize public fora, lecture series, extensive discussions among business groups, in schools, with media, church people and professionals to deepen their appreciation and, thus, assert the implementation of CARHRIHL and finalization of CASER drafts of the previous GRP-NDFP peace negotiators. The CASER draft of the NDFP is one of the keys

to a genuine, just and lasting peace in Negros Island and throughout the Philippines. Other brands of fake and pseudo-peacemaking cannot hoodwink the revolutionary forces in the island to surrender.

We also call on those enlightened elements in the AFP, PNP and CAFGU to refuse the unjust orders of your fascist and mercenary officials. Most of you come from the ranks of the oppressed and exploited people in our society. Do not abide by your bloodthirsty and warlike officials; we have high hopes that you will soon choose to resist your tyrannical lords to genuinely serve the Filipino people.

Any kind of task forces (whether national, regional, provincial or local) to end communist armed conflict will not bring peace to the already violence-laden Negros island. Full-spectrum military dominance is already operative in the task forces launched. It will only exacerbate the killings of hungry and landless peasants and farm workers who fight for their right

to till for them to live and all Negrosanons tagged as supporters of the revolutionary cause. It will intensify demonic Sauron-style killings of innocent Negrosanons by the bloodthirsty and criminal AFP and PNP. Reasonable LGU officials intimidated by the military and police must see and understand this.

BGen. Vinoya, BGen. Arevalo, Col. Baluyan and the PNP are the best recruiters for the just cause of the CPP-NPA! Because of their rubbish, shortsighted, reactionary and counterrevolutionary grand scheme and their overweening display of power and military superiority, many victims of injustice in the Sauron killings and mass arrests flock to the NPA seeking justice and warmly support and participate in the unwavering people's war of the NPA and the people led by the CPP.

We are warning BGen. Vinoya, BGen. Arevalo, Col. Baluyan, the whole AFP and PNP: the CPP-NPA and the NDFP in Negros Island are not threatened by your drumbeating of war. The



Oplan Kapanatagan of the AFP/PNP, whole-of-nation approach through the Task Forces to End Communist Armed Conflict with full-spectrum military dominance will only warrant more blood of oppressed and exploited Negrosanons to flow. While the blood of struggling peasants and farm workers ceaselessly gush ever since the demonic Sagay massacre and extrajudicial killings and satanic Sauron series of mass murders continue, blood will abundantly flood drowning

the oppressors, exploiters and rabid anti-peasant, anti-farm worker and anti-people ruling class in the Island.

We sincerely ask Negrenses; in your heart, do you really believe that Duterte's Oplan Kapanatagan and National Task Force to End Communist Armed Conflict in the Island will address the root cause of armed conflict?

Do you really believe that local peace talks demanding surrender of the CPP-NPA and NDFP forces in Negros Island will implement

an effective solution?

We know you have wise answers. But for those who are unsure, look back on the history of struggle in Negros.

Rise up, Negrosanons! Sing the songs our heroes, brave freedom fighters and militant people waging struggle in Negros! Let us collectively advance a just people's war to attain genuine democracy, national liberation and a just, genuine and lasting peace in Negros Island and the whole country!

Sincerely serving the people,

**NEGROS ISLAND REGIONAL PARTY COMMITTEE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES**

